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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Before the first line, please insert the following sentence:

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/961,779 filed on October 31, 1997 (attorney docket number 50277-0147), the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 39-41 as follows.

39. (New) A method of exporting data from a table into a dump file, said table being subdivided into a number of partitions, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting a fewer number of partitions than the number of partitions; and

for each of the selected partitions, storing in the dump file data contained in said each of the

selected partitions, wherein data contained in a partition that is not selected is not stored

in the dump file.

40. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the fewer number of partitions is exactly one.

41. (New) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 39.

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 39-41 are pending, in which claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 39-41 are newly presented. Care was exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

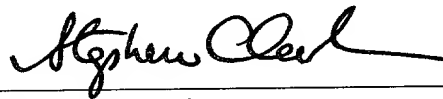
Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at 703-425-8516 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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